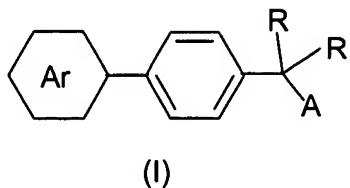


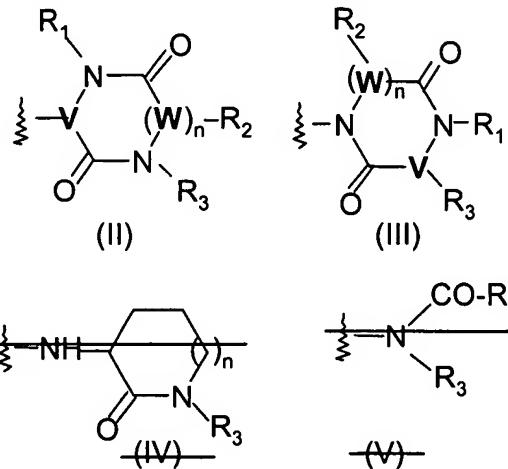
CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A bisaryl derivative of the formula I,



wherein (R,R) is selected from (H,H), O, (H,CH₃), (H,OH) and (H,CN); and wherein

A is a group of formula II, III, IV or V II or III:



wherein

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R₁ is H, (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

V is CH or N;

W is CR_2' or **N** if **n** is 1 and **W** is CR_2' if **n** is 2;

and V and W are not both N;

R₂ and R_{2'} are independently H, (C₁-C₄)alkyl or -CH₂OH;

R₃ is (C₁-C₁₅) alkyl, which may optionally be branched or unbranched and

optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions,

or R₃ is -(CH₂)_q-O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-(C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_q-tetrahydrofuran-yl, -(CH₂)_q-thiophenyl, -(CH₂)_q-1,4-benzodioxol-6-yl, -(CH₂)_q-phenyl, -(CH₂)_q-S-phenyl, or -(CH₂)_q-O-phenyl, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₄) alkoxy, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino, wherein q is an integer of 1-10;

or R₃ is -(CH₂)_x-C(O)-NR₅-R₆ wherein

R₅ is H or (C₁-C₄)alkyl,

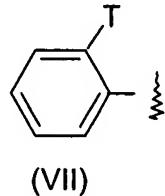
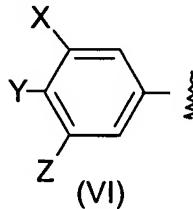
R₆ is -(CH₂)_p-O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(CH₂)_p-(C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_p-tetrahydrofuran-yl, -(CH₂)_p-thiophenyl, -(CH₂)_p-1,4-benzodioxol-6-yl, -(CH₂)_p-phenyl, -(CH₂)_p-S-phenyl, or -(CH₂)_p-O-phenyl, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₄) alkoxy, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino,

wherein x and p are integers, and x is ≥ 1 and p > 1 and x + p = 3 - 8;

or R₃ is -(CH₂)_y-C(O)-NR₅-(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, wherein the alkyl moiety may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions, R₅ is as previously defined, y is an integer of 1-12 and the maximal chain length of R₃ is 15 atoms;

R₄ is (C₂-C₆)n-alkyl or (C₂-C₆)n-alkoxy;

and Ar is of the formula VI or VII:



wherein

- (i) X, Y, Z are independently H, OH, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄) alkoxy, provided that at least one of X, Y and Z is not H; or
- (ii) two of X, Y and Z are H, the other being -CHO, -CH₂-NR₇-CH₂-R₈ or -CH₂-NR₇-CO-R₈, wherein R₇ is H, (C₁-C₆)n-alkyl or -(CH₂)_m-O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl; R₈ is (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄) alkoxy, (C₁-C₄) alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, amino or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-NH-; and m being 2-6; and

(iii) T is -CH₂-NR₉R₁₀, wherein R₉ is (C₁-C₆)*n*-alkyl and R₁₀ is (C₂-C₅)acyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-NH-CO-.

2. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 1, wherein (R,R) is (H,H).
3. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 2, wherein A is a group of formula II.
4. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 3, wherein
 - n is 0, 1, or 2;
 - R₁ is (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
 - V is CH;
 - W is CR₂' ;
 - R₂ and R₂' are independently H, (C₁-C₄)alkyl or -CH₂OH; and
 - R₃ is (C₁-C₁₅) alkyl, which may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions, or R₃ is -(CH₂)_q-O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-(C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_q-phenyl, -(CH₂)_q-S-phenyl, or -(CH₂)_q-O-phenyl, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₄) alkoxy, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino, wherein q is an integer of 1-10;
 - or R₃ is -(CH₂)_x-C(O)-NR₅-R₆, wherein R₅ is H or (C₁-C₄)alkyl,
 - R₆ is -(CH₂)_p-O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(CH₂)_p-(C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_p-phenyl, -(CH₂)_p-S-phenyl, or -(CH₂)_p-O-phenyl, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₄) alkoxy, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino, wherein x and p are integers, and x is ≥ 1 and p > 1 and x + p = 3 - 8;
 - or R₃ is -(CH₂)_y-C(O)-NR₅-(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, wherein the alkyl moiety may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions, R₅ is as previously defined, y is an integer of 1-12 and the maximal chain length of R₃ is 15 atoms.

5. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 4, wherein n is 1; R₁ is methyl; and R₂ and R₂' are independently H or methyl; and Ar is of the formula VI.
6. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 5, wherein R₃ is -CH₂-C(O)-NH-(CH₂)_p-phenyl, wherein p is 2-4 and phenyl may be optionally substituted; and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X, Y and Z are all methoxy, or X and Z are methoxy and Y is OH, or X and Y are both H, and Z is -CH₂-NR₇-CO-R₈.
7. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 5, wherein R₃ is (C₁-C₁₅)alkyl, which may optionally be branched or unbranched and optionally may contain a double or triple bond at one or more positions, or R₃ is -(CH₂)_q-O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-(C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_q-phenyl, -(CH₂)_q-S-phenyl, or -(CH₂)_q-O-phenyl, wherein phenyl may be optionally substituted with (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, halogen, amino, or dimethylamino; and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X, Y and Z are all methoxy, or X and Z are methoxy and Y is OH, or X and Y are both H, and Z is -CH₂-NR₇-CO-R₈.
8. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 7, wherein R₂ is methyl and R₂' is H or R₂ and R₂' are both methyl; R₃ is an unbranched (C₇-C₁₀)*n*-alkyl, optionally containing one or two double bonds, or R₃ is selected from -(CH₂)_r-CH(CH₃)₂, -(CH₂)_r-phenyl and -(CH₂)_t-S-phenyl, r being 5-8 and t being 4-7; and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X, Y and Z are all methoxy, or X and Z are methoxy and Y is OH, or X and Y are both H, and Z is -CH₂-NR₇-CO-R₈, wherein R₇ is *n*-butyl or -(CH₂)₂-O-CH₃ and R₈ is -CH₃, -NHCH₃ or -OCH₃.
9. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 8, wherein R₃ is *n*-octyl and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X and Y are both H, and Z is -CH₂-NR₇-CO-R₈, wherein R₇ is *n*-butyl or -(CH₂)₂-O-CH₃ and R₈ is -CH₃, -NHCH₃ or -OCH₃.
10. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 4, wherein n is 1, R₁ is *n*-butyl, R₂ and R₂' are independently H or methyl and R₃ is -CH₂-CO-NH-(C₄-C₁₀)alkyl, wherein the alkyl

moiety is branched or unbranched, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CO-NH-R}_6$, wherein R_6 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_p$ -cyclohexyl or $-(\text{CH}_2)_p$ -phenyl, the phenyl being optionally substituted with $(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6)$ alkyl or halogen and p being 2-4.

11. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 2, wherein A is a group of the formula III.
12. (original) The bisaryl derivative of claim 11, wherein n is 0 or 1, R_1 is H or methyl, V is CH, W is CH, R_2 is H or methyl, R_3 is $(\text{C}_4\text{-}\text{C}_{10})n$ -alkyl or $-\text{CH}_2\text{-C(O)-NH-(C}_4\text{-}\text{C}_{10})n\text{-alkyl}$, and Ar is of the formula VI, wherein X, Y and Z are methoxy.
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19. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
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